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PRESS RELEASE

USAID awards a grant to conduct a tax survey in Kyrgyzstan

On September 16, 2008 the Economic Reforms to Enhance Competitiveness Project (EREC) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded its first grant to conduct research in the form of focus groups and a nationwide public opinion poll in Kyrgyzstan.

The objective of this survey is to obtain objective information about citizens and entrepreneurs awareness of provisions in the current and new Tax Codes, and also about taxpayers' rights and obligations. The survey will be conducted by M-Vector Consulting Agency, selected on the basis of an open bid held in accordance with conditions and requirements set in the rules on working with grants.

It is anticipated that the results of this survey will be used to increase the level of public awareness about tax legislation, develop effective measures to inform the population about changes made to such legislation and will encourage compliance with tax legislation.

This project is made possible by the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Since 1992, the American people through USAID have provided more than \$360 million in programs that support Kyrgyzstan's democratic institutions, health care, education, and economic growth.